

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This application has been carefully considered in light of the Final Office Action of July 23, 2010.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 7, and 10-12 remain in the application. Claims 1, 10 and 12 are currently amended. Claims 13-21 have been added to dependent from independent claims 1, 10 and 12.

**The Examiner is rejecting claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 10-21 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Droese (US Patent 6,612,204) stating Droese contains all of the elements of the Applicant's claimed invention.**

Droese discloses a method of fabricating a blade for a knife in which a laser treatment is performed on a piece (1), (figures 1-3) to define a curve contour (2) which corresponds to the ultimate cutting edge. The process of producing this curve contour creates a concave area or groove (Figs 4-7).

In Droese the "curved contour" is determined by the ultimate blade shape. A laser or other such device is used to burn into the surface of the initial workpiece a groove. The additive material is then placed into the groove (Fig. 5). In essence, Droese creates a mold in the surface of the base material into which is placed the additive material. This would be in direct

contrast to the Applicant's claimed invention wherein the make-up material is projected, in the form of a bead or strip, onto at least a portion of the defined flat free edge of the base material.

It is respectfully stated that in light of the differences as outlined in the argument above and the amendments to the claims, Droese does not anticipate the Applicant's claimed invention. Therefore, removal of the rejection is requested.

An earnest effort has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance, which action is requested. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the allowability of the claims, it is requested that an interview be granted with Applicant's representative prior to taking any action that may be considered as final. Any fees necessitated by the filing of this response may be charged to Deposit Account 04-1577.

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